

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 are now pending in this application. The Examiner's indication that Claim 6 is drawn to allowable subject matter is noted with appreciation.

Claims 1 and 4 have been amended to correct grammatical errors and, therefore, present no new issues.

Claims 1-5, 7 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Beatty (U.S. Patent 5,675,630). The applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Applicants' inventive device includes a means of identifying an area code (or "toll number") based on regional information (the "municipality"), or alternatively finding a location (a "municipality") based solely upon the area code.

On page 2 of the Examiner's Response, the Examiner stated that the Beatty reference discloses a storage section (20) for storing NAMs that reads on the storage section for storing the "name of municipalities" and corresponding toll number thereto as claimed by the Applicants. However, this is incorrect, since Beatty fails to disclose storing municipality names with a corresponding toll number. Instead, Beatty describes a method for correlating select phone books and speed dial features of a portable cellular communication device with individual NAM settings at the option of the user when the user switches between NAMs (see column 3, lines 42-48). NAMs are modules used to store cellular phone number assignments, i.e. the phone number(s) that one may use to call that particular cellular phone (see column 1, lines 39-43). The user makes additions, deletions, and changes to phone book entries and speed dial directories, and the user chooses which phone book and speed dial directory will correlate with a particular NAM (see Fig. 5 and column 6, lines 55-65). This is summarized by the salesman/traveler example at column 4, lines 14-24. Thus, Beatty is concerned with providing users of cellular phones with the ability to associate particular phone books and speed dial directories with particular NAMs, and fails to teach using toll numbers correlating to municipalities as contemplated in the invention.

Further, the "state discrimination means for discriminating whether an information inputted from an input means is a toll number or a name of

municipalities” as contemplated by the invention in Claim 3 is distinguished from the selecting of either a phone book or a NAM as discussed in Beatty for the same reason: Beatty deals with something other than correlating toll numbers with municipalities. For example, the means of input and retrieval in Beatty are of no relation to the Applicants’ claimed input means and retrieval means for corresponding toll numbers and municipalities. Beatty discusses the user selecting a particular NAM, and therefore having access to the associated phone books, or alternatively selecting a particular phone book and thereby automatically changing the active NAM on the portable communication device (column 7, lines 16-41). However, Beatty fails to teach, for example, a “toll number inputted... to be a retrieval key” for the correlated municipality. In short, in Beatty, there is no provision for the searching of area codes based solely upon location data or location based solely upon area codes. Therefore, claims 1-5, 7 and 8 are not anticipated by Beatty (and also would not be obvious over Beatty).

In addition to the reasoning above, the subject matter of Claim 8, as previously presented, should be allowed for the additional reason that storing and making available for retrieval a postal area code and corresponding toll number represents both new and non-obvious subject matter. As the Examiner will recognize, the invention relates to a portable telephone. There is no motivation in any of the art of record to input a postal code into a portable telephone for any reason. The invention provides an ability to obtain the toll number based on the input postal code. No references of record show or suggest a correlation between postal codes and toll numbers, or the ability to use this correlation in a portable telephone device.

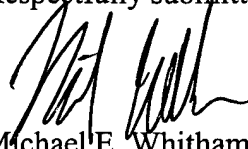
Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the anticipation rejection are respectfully requested. It is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered, that claims 1-8 be allowed, and that the application be passed to issue.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

A provisional petition is hereby made for any extension of time necessary

for the continued pendency during the life of this application. Please charge any fees for such provisional petition and any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-2041 (Whitham, Curtis & Christofferson).

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael E. Whitham', is written over the typed name.

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